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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 1875.

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PRICE \$21 PER MONTH.

Arrivals.

December 27, GUNGA, French steamer, 797
Gaucon, Seisan 19th December, and
Hainan 24th, Ricco—Captain.
December 28, CASPIANDRA, German str., 937,
H. Lander, Bantok—16th Dec., General
M. Lander, Marthor & Co.
December 25, VORNA, French steamer, 1001,
Nomadou, Yokohama 21st December,
General—MISSISSIPPI MARINERS.
December 28, GENEVIEVE, French ship, 649,
Lopetra, Newcastle, N.S.W., 14th Sept.,
Coral—Dredger.
December 28, ZAMBOANGA, Spanish steamer,
587, Arechaval, Manila 23rd Dec.,
General—Remond & Co.
December 28, WHITE EAGLE, British ship,
809, Wm. Andrew, Auckland, New Zea-
land, 13th November, Ballast—JAR-
DINE MATTHEWS & Co.
December 28, MANILA, German bark, 515,
H. L. GOTTMAN, Sulphur 17th Dec., Bago and
Copenhagen—Schaeffer & Co.
December 28, ANONY, British steamer, 314,
Dover, Shanghai 24th Dec., General
SCHAEFER & Co.

Clearances.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
DECEMBER 28TH.
Esmerralda, str., for Amoy.
Jochim Christian, for Bangkok.
Chile, for Singapore.
Marques, str., for Manila.
Norseman, for Toulon.

Departures.

December 28, ESMERALDA, str., for Amoy.

Passengers.

ARRIVED.
Per GUNGA, etc., from Saigon, &c.—
Europe and 145 Chinese.
Per CASPIANDRA, str., from Bangkok—
58 Chinese.
Per VORNA, from Yokohama—
Mr. and Mrs. S. W. POWELL, Messrs. E.
Yoppe, H. Vogel, Mannheimer, Christensen,
Morton, and Captain D. B. Ulden.
Per ZAMBOANGA, str., from Manila—
Mr. Antonio Moran and wife and 161 Chinese.
Per White Eagle, str., from Auckland—
Mr. Andrew and child, Master A. E. An-
drew, and wife, from Shanghai—
Per Amoy, str., from Shanghai—
Mrs. Lawrence and child, Messrs. Annesley and
Toller, 1 European, 100, and 37 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per General, str., for Amoy—
210 Chinese.

Reports.

The Spanish steamship *Zamboanga* reports
left Manila on 25th December, and had strong
N.E. monsoon and high seas all the passage.
The German bark *Mandu* reports left Sul-
phur 17th December, and experienced strong N.E.
and S.E. winds with much rain.

The French steamship *Vulga* reports left
Yokohama 21st December, and experienced
light monsoon all the passage.

The French steamship *Gunga* reports left
Saigon on 23rd December, and experienced
moderate and fresh monsoon throughout.

The German steamship *Cassandra* reports left
Bangkok on 15th December. In the Gulf had
light winds. From Pulo Obi had fresh mon-
soon. The last three days bay weather.

The British ship *White Eagle* reports left
Auckland, New Zealand, on 14th November.
Experienced remarkably fine weather all the
passage until the last three days, when had
much rain and unsettled weather.

The French ship *Cambria* reports left New-
castle, N.S.W., on 14th September. Through-
out the passage experienced fine weather.
Crossed the Equator, long 130° E. of Paris;
from the north westerly N.W. winds. Spoke the
French vessel *Le Desir*, Frères, Captain Hall,
from Newcastle, bound to Hongkong.

The British steamship *Amoy* reports left
Shanghai on 23rd December. The first and
middle parts moderate and variable winds and
light weather. From Biscay Island to
Biskay, variable winds and thick weather.
At 11 a.m. the 15th, off the coast of Pekin
Island, passed the straits of Amakiriwa, bound
north. At 2.30 p.m. on the 23rd, off Breaker
Point, passed a steamer, name unknown,
bound north.

YOKOHAMA SHIPPING.

ARRIVED.
(Per last Mail's Advice.)

• Fatted. From. Dates of arrival.
Africa (a.)... Rio Janeiro... Nov. 5
Nyassa... Fochow... Nov. 8
Buenaventura (a.) Manila... Nov. 10
Scotland (a.) China Port... Nov. 11

Vessels that have arrived in Europe
from Ports in China, Japan and
Manila.

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Vessels Expected at Hongkong.

(Corrected to Date.)

Vessel Name. From. Dates.
Cotswold, str., London... Nov. 9
Minnesota... Charleston U.S.S. June 30
Iris... Hamburg... July 7
America... Cardiff... July 17
Alfred... Cardiff... July 23
Boreas... Cardiff... July 24
Leda... Cardiff... July 29
Grove... London... July 30
Sarah Nicholson... Cardiff... August 17
Marina... London... Sept. 4
Iphigenia... Hamburg... Sept. 4
Carols Magus... Rio Janeiro... Sept. 4
Christina... Cardiff... Sept. 7
Gorgona... London... Sept. 13
Forwards... London... Sept. 15
Sir H. Parkes... London... Sept. 22
Caricula... London... Oct. 4
Hermann... Cardiff... Oct. 4
Ferdinand... Cardiff... Oct. 13
Eugenia... Cardiff... Oct. 14
W. H. B... London... Oct. 15
Bella... Cardiff... Oct. 16
British Crown... Cardiff... Nov. 1
Egeria (a.)... Hamburg... Nov. 4
Serpens (a.)... Liverpool... Nov. 4
Cheops (a.)... London... Nov. 5
Alma... Cardiff... Nov. 7

Advertis Sales To-day.

None.

To be Let.

TO LET.
With possession on 1st February next,
THE RESIDENCE "Idlewild" situated
on Seymour Road.
The House and Grounds command a fine
view of the Harbour. A good Kitchen Gar-
den, Stabling, &c., attached.
Apply to
MACBETH, FRICKEL & Co.,
43, Queen's Road.
1888 Hongkong, 15th December, 1875.

THE HOUSES Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8, WEST
TERACE.

TO LET.
With possession on 1st March next,
THE COMMUNICATING and Centrally situated
DWELLING-HOUSE, at present in the
hands of the present owners.

For all particulars apply to
ROBERT G. ALFORD,
Surveyor, Club Chambers,
Im. 1894 Hongkong, 27th December, 1875.

TO LET.
With possession on 1st March next,
THE PREMISES lately occupied by
THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
Queen's Road.

TO LET.
G. FALCONER,
1670 Hongkong, 17th July, 1875.

TO LET.
SOME HOUSES on PEDDAR'S HILL,
No. 2, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

TO LET.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,
1513 Hongkong, 4th October, 1875.

TO LET.
FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWN
on the Praya, Wanchi.

TO LET.
S. E. BURROWS & SONS,
458 Hongkong, 24th March, 1875.

TO LET.
THE Premises known as the "WOOD-
LANDS," newly painted and in good
order.

TO LET.
REMBIDIOS & Co.,
13, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1875.

TO LET.
T. A. TATA & CO.,
1863 Hongkong, 21st December, 1875.

TO LET.
With immediate possession.

TWO DWELLING-HOUSES and OFFICES,
Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the
occupation of Messrs. HAYMAN & CO.

THE HOUSES, No. 30, Wellington Street,
 lately in the occupation of Mr. P. B. CAMI.

THE DWELLING-HOUSES, No. 13, Gage
Street, lately in the occupation of Mr. F.
DEGENKAR.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
1864 Hongkong, 21st December, 1875.

TO LET.
Possession on the 1st January, 1876.

THE PREMISES on the Praya, known as
Messrs. DENT & Co.'s CENTRAL BUILD-
ING.

TO LET.
ROZARIO & Co.,
1857 Hongkong, 25th October, 1875.

TO LET.
With immediate possession.

THE HOUSE No. 7, George Street,
1473 Hongkong, 29th September, 1875.

TO LET.
With immediate possession.

THE SEMI-detached RESIDENCES Nos. 1
and 2, WESTBOURNE VILLAS, Bonham
Road.

HOUSES on Upper Mosque Terrace.
All with Gas and Water laid on.

TO LET.
A first-class GODOWN at Wanchi of about
5,000 square capacity.

Apply to T. G. LINSTEAD,
Hongkong, 28th September, 1875.

NOTICE.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT
LOAN.

THE Second Half-yearly Payment of Inter-
est having been made by the Chinese
Imperial Government to the British Gov-
ernment, the CHINESE IMPERIAL GOV-
ERNMENT CORPORA-
TION will be paid on and after the 1st Instant to
CASH the SECOND COUPON of 24 attached
to such Bond at current exchange on London.
By order of the Court of Directors.

JAMES GREGG,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
Agents for the Bond.

1st 1869, Hongkong, 21st December, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANTUNG BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID UP CAPITAL... \$5,000,000 of Dollars
DESERVES FUND... \$100,000 of Dollars.

NOTICE.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT
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Interest on the
Over-current Deposit Accounts at the rate of
1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months 2 per cent., per annum
6 " 5 " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credit granted on approved Securities,

and on deposits in Banking and Exchange
Banks.

Debt-granted on London, and the chief
commercial places in Europe, India, Australia,
America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREGG, Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation.

No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, 12th August, 1875.

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THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY
FOR 1876.

With which will be incorporated

THE CHINA DIRECTORY.

THIS Work, now in the FOURTEENTH
YEAR of its existence, will be pub-
lished as early as practicable after the close
of the current year.It will be compiled and printed at the
Daily Press Office, as usual, from the best
and most authentic sources, and no pains
will be spared to make the work complete
in all respects.The CHRONICLE and DIRECTORY will
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INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned are prepared to GRANT POLICIES AGAINST FIRE to the extent of 45,000 Dollars on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, at Current Local Rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the premium.

EDWARD N. BROWN & CO., Agents.

1876 Hongkong, January 1876.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

And after this date the above Association will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENT. on Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

1800 Hongkong, 16 June, 1876.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies, against Fire, to the extent of \$40,000 on any one FIRST-CLASS BIRK, at Current Rates.

A RETURN of TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) will be made on the premium charged on all Insurances, such RETURN being payable on the issue of the Policy.

GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

1876 Hongkong, 16 June, 1876.

A STRANGE BROUVEST.

The University of Melbourne has found itself in the rather peculiar position of having a bequest of about \$2550 made to it that it feels compelled to renounce. The circumstances are these. In July last, Mrs. Barbara Chambers, otherwise Mrs. Thomas Chambers, a clerk employed by the Victoria Insurance Company, died. Her will, dated 27th February, 1876, appointed Recipients of the sum of \$2550, and directed that the income, when a commissionership should be applied as prizes, to be open to all the students and members of the University. The subjects to be chosen alternately were—1st, Lyting, with special allusion to the beneficial effect of such a gift upon the completion of matrimony, passing through married life, continuing the usefulness of the wife; 2nd, Moral Murder, having particular reference to the evil of persecuting, harassing and indolent conduct towards such a partner even unto death. 3rd, Travelling, showing the tendency to the destruction of confidence throughout society by the surviving parent, unappropriating, for the purposes of the indolent life, the property of the partner, and the parent of the children of the marriage. The testator added the request that the fund should be called The Alice Gough Perpetuity Fund. Who Alice Gough is, or was, did not transpire, nor why her name should be associated with such a legacy. A codicil to the will bequeathed all the testator's property to Wm. Henry Barron, of Howard-street, Ballarat, and on his death to his son, Wm. Barron, who, it was stated, was to bequeathed to him the sum of \$1000. Further affidavit was required by his Honor, to show whether there were any next of kin, and whether their design of the will was. Until those are furnished nothing can be done in the matter.—*Advertiser* of Tasmania.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY, 27th December. Small sales of New Patois and New Banars, the former at \$900, and the latter at \$980. In New Malwa business has been come at \$925, with allowance from thirty-six to forty-five, and at old drug at \$900 with allowance of thirty-six.

EXPORT CARGOES.

Per steamship Anchors, for London:—
Congo, 27,500 lbs; Seated Caper, 8,964 lbs; Seated Orange Peels, 18,133 lbs; 36 bags silk. For New York 75 bags silk.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand, 3/14.

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 4/10.

Ordrats, at 6 months' sight, 4/8.

Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/4.

ON BOMBAY.—Bank, on demand, 4/1.

Bank, on demand, 2/22.

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight, 7/2.

Private, 30 days' sight, 7/2.

SHADES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares, per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, new share—500 per share.

China and Japan Insurance Company's Shares—\$100 per share.

China and Japan Marine Insurance—The 110 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$220 per share.

Hongkong Five Insurance Company's Shares—\$20 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$149 per share.

Victoria Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$169 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—34 per cent. discount.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—5 per cent. discount.

Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—The 75 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$75 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—50 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan—210,100.

SALE ON DECEMBER 27TH, AS REPORTED BY CHINESE.

Black Pepper—10 bags, at \$2.20, by Keung-hung to travelling trader.

White Pepper—10 bags, at \$1.00, by Shun-chang to travelling trader.

White Wax—2 pieces, at \$85.50, by Kwong-koong to travelling trader.

Figures—10 bags, at \$32.00, by Foot-hing to travelling trader.

Catfish—20 bags, at \$22.50, by Foot-hing to travelling trader.

Red Fish—10 bags, at \$8.30, by Foot-hing to travelling trader.

Vermicelli—10 bags, at \$6.80, by Kwong-sing-tai to travelling trader.

Red Dates—80 bags, at \$1.07.0, by Wo-shun-hung to travelling trader.

23rd DECEMBER.

Black Pepper—10 bags, at \$2.40, by Keung-hung to travelling trader.

White Pepper—20 bags, at \$1.85.0, by Shun-chang to travelling trader.

Red Dates—25 bags, at \$1.93.0, by Wo-shun-hung to travelling trader.

Black Pepper—2,000 pieces, at \$1.55, by Tunk-tee to local trader.

Vermicelli—big bags, at \$7.50, by Shun-chang to travelling trader.

Red Peas—50 bags, at \$1.62, by Shun-chang to local trader.

Fishmeal—10 packages, at \$14.50, by Keung-chou to travelling trader.

Catfish—56 bags, at \$1.60, by Chou-chong to travelling trader.

Banboo Shoots—10 bags, at \$3.50, by Chou-chong to travelling trader.

Black Pepper—10 packages, at \$14.50, by Keung-chou to travelling trader.

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Extracts.

RESPECT THE BURDEN.

AN INCIDENT.

The Author of "Fabi's Marion, Gouleme."

Great Gouleme, though the streets are dry,

Dancing triumphantly, admiringly, triumph-

With a sedulous and patient song,

For the unworldly king man made way,

Met one poor knave, such heavy burden,

Inimical to the hero and the crowd.

His slaves followed, would have driven still

The man, but, like a good and kind,

Such kind, kind, kind, kind, kind,

Respect the burden! Their majestic eyes,

He passed, and passed on, no one saying him,

The heavy-laden also went his way.

Then help, who travel like a king,

Along the rose-strown pathway of the lot,

Respect the burden! Then may it be, or not,

For the world, that the world, that the world,

Laughter than is that which sets us a-

Five footsteps can tear blood-spots on the stones,

Respect the burden, whatever it be,

Whose load outvies even the shoddest air,

Or in dumb agony of loss, despair,

Lifts her still face, so like tranquillity,

Through each strained heart-string quivers, never shrinks,

Let her bathe it! Who, the hero, and he?

None know save those who love him and him who loves him,

Has it on the shoulder, and said "Stand-

Stand upright! Take this citizen when thy braw,

My own anointed! Sun thy load may be,

But know—beautify it art carrying Me!"

Good, Word.

LOVER AND HUSBAND.

Perhaps there's no more painful time in

a woman's life than the time of transition

when the delicious lover is passing into the

unconscious husband. Women less con-

tent than men to trust, in silence to an

undemonstrative affection, are for the most

part happy only while they are being made

love to. Men on the contrary, when they

have won their love, are content to be quiet,

and to take all the rest for granted.

They are in cold, however, because they are

secure, and to the best, practical kind-

ness, rather than flattery, security ranks

high, excitement, and life passed in serene

friendship, fearing no evil, knowing no break,

and having no passing, is better than life

passed in a perpetual turmoil of passion,

where there are scenes and tears, and

and broken hearts. If there are not endless

courtship and bridging demonstration.

THE CLOUDS.

The duties of a cloud are to supply it with

water in winter and winter forms

what is to say, with rain, snow, hail, and

fog; and to preserve us from excesses of both

heat and cold by shielding us from the sun's

rays when the air is hot, or by preventing the

radiation of terrestrial heat when it is too

coldly. Children would, no doubt, insist on

adding that an additional duty of clouds is to

show us which way the wind blows. In order

to accomplish these different functions

clouds adopt a variety of densities and

shapes, and place themselves at a variety

of heights; but whatever be the altitude

at which they range, or the specific

gravity or the form which they may moment-

arily assume, they are always at work at their

vocation, and, as long as they are required,

are unceasingly engaged in making weather,

But all of them do not disappear in the

master "Leonoore" we never mentioned to the

master.

Just about the time when Beethoven was

taking his daily walk, he used the meet a

fair young girl, who wore a simple white

dress, a pretty little straw hat, and a crimson

shawl. Like the rest of the world she re-

spectfully moved aside, so as to allow the

great master to pass; but she did it slowly

and gracefully, keeping her large blue eyes

all the while fixed on the abashed great

man, and when eyes those were shaded by

the most beautiful eye-brows and eye-lashes!

Beethoven was in posse in his wrath, his

voice as thunder, his eyes flashed as lightning,

his friends were averted, and slipped quietly

away, one after the other, and from hence-

forth "Leonoore" we never mentioned to the

master.

ROMAN REMAINS.

The traveler who enters Italy either from

south or north passes through a considerable

tract of ground, outside the wall of the city,

which has been long known to have been a

Roman cemetery. The railway station to

which he is carried is set down upon the

ruins of Roman baths, and the modern

bridge by which he crosses the *Ouse* on his

way to the embankment, with the old

Roman bridge, which was some fifty yards

below it. The present railway station has

been for a long while too small for the traffic

that flows into it, and a successor, on a

grander scale, has been in course of prepara-

tion for several years in the fields outside

the city, as little to the north-east of its pre-

decessor. The new station will literally

stand upon the bones of the dead, and the

irregular excavations which have been made

in placing it there, and in clearing away

patches of ground to the distance of nearly

a mile from the city, have disclosed the

resting-place of an enormous population.

Wherever you dig, there are bones and

remants of the dead, sometimes laid one

above the other in great numbers. The

weathered classes among the Romans seem

to have been interred by the sides of the road

to Teessae, and, with a few remarkable

exceptions, the persons buried in this par-

icular cemetery seem to have been of the

lower classes in ancient Etruria. It

would have been impossible to pay a minute

attention to all the interments that have been

discovered; still, the observations which have

been made add much to our knowledge of

Roman life and customs, and the number of

objects which this vast, and only partially

opened graveyard has yielded, have almost

doubled the collection of antiquities of the

York Museum, which was by no means ill-

furnished before.

BEETHOVEN'S "LEONORE."

However busy and taskless, fickle, and over-

seeking for new pleasures, the inhabitants of

the beautiful Vienna may seem to be, they

have always testified a deep respect for, and

touching sympathy with, the great musi-

cians. The Viennese are as proud of their

Masters as their Kaiser and their Prae-

ters. That the good Vienna did not trouble

themselves overmuch as to whether their

beloved Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven car-

ried well-filled purses, or wore roofless, and

with our daily bread, we cannot deny; but

we must not blame the worthy folk too much,

for had they not their own business to at-

tend to?" But every Viennese heart truly

rejoiced when he heard a new piece from one

of his beloved masters, and loud was the

clinking of glasses as they celebrated their

triumph, and low indeed was the bow with

which they accosted any of these celebrities.

Do not laugh; such a recognition of worth is

not to be despised!

Alas! how many a genius walks our streets

unnoticed by all! No one thanks him for

the work of his mind! One kind glance, one

grateful word of recognition—how would it

not fall on his heart like a sunbeam? No

mortals, however high intellectually he may

stand, is insensible to neglect.

In the month of June, 1822, which was un-

usually warm for that season, there

might be seen every day about the same

hour a man walking up and down the West-

er Glacis. Neither sunshine nor rain

quenched his steps. No human being, no

flower or plant received a glance from that

proud and stately-looking man! Slowly and

haughtily he paced up and down, his hands

crossed behind him, his eyes cast down, his

grey hair falling over his sallow brows; and

so abstinent was he to all around him, that

he seemed unconscious of his grey locks

being blown into his eyes by the fresh breeze.

No one could pass the grave-looking man

without a glance, and in doing so could not

fail to see in his countenance these marks of

strong intellect, which raised him imme-

surable above his fellowmen.

"Good-bye," as with fatherly tenderness he bade her into a carriage, which should convey her to her mother's house. In her grisly eyes she had missed the master's hand at parting, and so no more turned back to look after the carriage in which he had placed her, save the purrs of face looking after him. "She was quite pale from excitement; her beautiful golden hair was blown by the wind over her brow, she again bowed, with a lovely smile danced in her maid eyes.

Ludwig Von Beethoven left a wonderful warmth in his heart, a holy tenderness came

over his spirit, and calmly he murmured to himself: "This woman will be the sunbeam of my life."

The next morning, the young singer Wilhelm Schröder, stood near Beethoven

and, as the pianoforte, the score of his "Leonoore" (afterwards called "Fidelio"), but he had obstinately refused to allow it to be performed, and deaf to all attractions and prayers he kept his precious score.

To the friends who so untiringly prayed of him to have it performed, his reply was:

"I cannot find the 'Leonoore.' I want

There are plenty of singers, but none for me.

My 'Leonoore' need not be a great

admirer, but with the most wretched

attention, I can sing it well."

The girl followed each note with the most

wretched attention. With that sort of

"Much Schuster music."

An unusual light came into the girl's blue eyes. At the grand impressive aria,

"Abscheulich weich du bist,"